Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Total DEL Target	Total DELs provided upto January, 2003
1	Uttar Pradesh	75,886	186,881
2	Bihar	63,411	61,333
3	Madhya Pradesh	24,049	21,233
4	Rajasthan	60,304	47,043
5	Orissa	36,037	38,310
6	Uttaranchal	43,662	7,331
7	Jharkhand	28,760	14,628
8	Chhattisgarh	10,742	14,560
9	North Eastern Region	27,450	26,247

The expansion program for the future period shall be based on availability of funds including Government support for unremunerative activities.

Changes in National Telecom Policy

2347. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has formulated a lot of changes in the National Telecom Policy 1999 during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose behind that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Impact of Trai's Decision on Mibile Services

2348. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent determination of TRAI, has made the poor man's mobile expensive by equating interconnect charges resulting in same cost for providing the services for GSM as well as CDMA;

(b) whether Government are planning to allow seamless roaming for CDMA phones;

(c) whether Government had earlier exempted GSM service providers from obligation to mandatorily provide service in the rural areas; and

(d) the additional financial burden added to BSNL, MTNL and private sector basic operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) TRAI has provided flexibility to the operators for call charges to be recovered from the subscribers of limited mobile facility of basic services. Further, the basic service operators can offer alternate tariff packages including the amount for monthly rental, to the subscribers.

(b) No such proposal in under consideration at present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The exchange of telephone traffic between the basic service operators and cellular mobile service operators depend upon the tariff for various services offered by the respective operator and, therefore, it is not possible to forecast the financial implications.

Mail sorting offices in Andhra Pradesh

2349. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mail sorting offices functioning in Andhra Pradesh as on date; and

(b) what steps Government have taken for modernization of these mail sorting Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) There are thirty five mail sorting offices functioning in Andhra Pradesh as on date.